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President's Message

My wife and I had a wonderful holiday in Florida. Our holiday included two days at the Florida Numismatic Show in Tampa. I managed to find one wood from the Montreal area I did not have and found a few merchants tokens. I ran into a few Canadian collectors but unfortunately did not connect with any CAWMC members. We spent an additional ten days in the Orlando Tampa area and although the weather was mixed we enjoyed it very much. Our next major events is the Edmonton Antique show in April then we hope to attend the RCNA convention in Windsor. Although it is still many months before our meeting at the annual convention of the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association in Windsor, Ontario in July, it is not too early to start considering if you are planning to attend. My wife, Marion, and I plan to attend and look forward to meeting anyone else who makes it to our annual meeting. We hope to keep the breakfast price affordable for CAWMC members attending. Hope to see you there. I have received many renewals for 2011 membership and I would like to remind the ones that still have not renewed that is now time to renew your membership. This is the second last bulletin you will receive if you have not paid your dues by the end of March. If you have any questions on your membership status please e-mail me at wood5cents@shaw.ca or please phone me at 403-273-6133. You can also reach me at Box 2643 Station M, Calgary, Alberta T2P 3C1. Just before I left for vacation I received word that Wallace Kroscko has passed away. Our condolences go out to his family and he will be missed by those that knew him or corresponded with him. His sister lives in Pennsylvania and is looking for some one willing to help appraise or dispose of his collections including Canadian or American wooden money collections. If you can help or are interested in acquiring the collections please contact me at the contact points shown above and I will forward the information to Wally's sister. Bill Cousins is attempting to dispose of two wooden 10 cent flats that were issued by the Stratford Lions Club for the King and Queen's Visit in 1937 (listed in catalogue as catalogue as 5876-001 a,b,c, BI,Gr and R respectively). Bill is attempting to auction these two flats on behalf of a senior couple who are downsizing to a town home or condo and would like to dispose of many of their keepsakes, the wooden flats being one of them. If you are interested in bidding on one of these flats contact Bill by telephone at 1-519-273-1715 or by fax at 1-519-273-5440 or by e-mail at cousins@wightman.ca or by mail at 56 Sargint Street, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 7E3.

Chips from my Woodpile **Dave**

To begin this new year, I would like to share a story that I read by B.J. Morritzer, December 2010 and titled *"The Seasons of Life"*: There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away. The first son went in Winter, the second in the Spring, the third in Summer, and the youngest son in the Fall. When they had all gone and returned he called them together to describe what they had seen. The first son said that the tree was ugly, bent, and twisted. The second son said it was covered with green buds and full of promise. The third son disagreed; he said it was laden with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked beautiful, it was the most graceful thing he had ever seen. The last son disagreed with all of them; he said it was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment. The man then explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen only one season in the tree's life. He told them that you cannot judge a tree or a person, by only one season. That the essence of who they are, and the pleasure and joy, and love that comes from that life, can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are up. If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of your spring, the beauty of your summer, and the fulfillment of your fall. Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one different season. Persevere through the difficult patches, and better times are sure to come in time. Aspire to Inspire ... Before you Expire Live Simple, Love Generously. Care Deeply. Speak Kindly. And leave the rest to God. Happiness keeps you Sweet. Trials keep you Strong. Sorrows keep you Human. Failures keep you Humble. Success keeps you Growing. But only God keeps you Going. Take care and be safe.
'Til next time Let the Chips lie where they fall.



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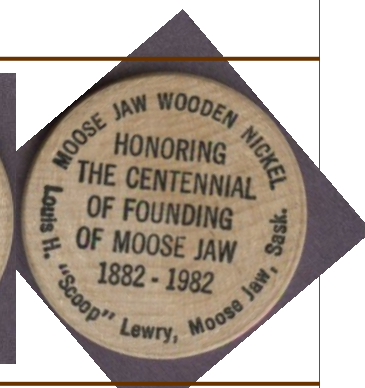
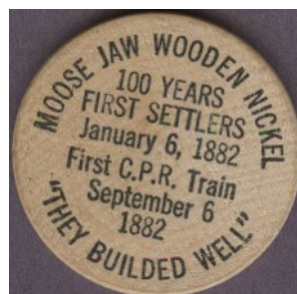
Mr. Al Munro, P.O. Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, T2P 3C1, Canada

Dear Betty & Eby...

2 small wooden nickels. One with an owl and it signed by **John Bethell**, Newcastle, NB, Canada and says Merry Xmas on it. The second one has a moose on it with Dec 25, 1993 also signed by John Bethell, P.O. Box 31, Newcastle, NB, Canada. This is just part of an entire collection where there is a signed letter included with the collection which says "**Dear Betty & Eby** - Most of these wood are very scarce, especially the large one and my "first moose" The two Xmas ones are the only ones I made Take care- JOHN". I think this is Cat. 3400-153 Newcastle, New Brunswick, John's Used Books' John Bethell 1993 BL / BL 38mm round, qty 50.



Look further in this issue re Scoop Lewry and another of his many woods. This wood I could not find in the catalogue. There's a 1982 flat (train and centennial), a 1981 38mm round (possibly this should read 1982 or there was a 1981 error wood made?), and a 1982 80mm round all referring to Moose Jaw Centennial.



"**Manitou**", the bison statue Canada's largest Bison or buffalo sculpture of a bison in Earlton, Ontario along Highway 11. Earlton is about 200km north of the city of North Bay and about 30 kilometers north of New Liskeard. The sculpture was designed by **Mike Camp** in 1985 and is 19 Feet (5.8 Metres) high and 27 Feet (8.2 Metres) long and weighs about 9 tons. It is made up of Steel, fibreglass to nuts and bolts, that is welded together. You can tell it is a Bull Bison but just looking up and that's all I will say about that.



It was the entrance of the Earlton Zoo that changed into the Temiskaming Wildlife Centre that as since has closed. The Earlton Zoo closed in 2004 and the Temiskaming Wildlife Center closed in 2005 which is assumed for lack of funding. Since this image of the bison (buffalo) is used on so many wooden nickels, and because we have a Temiskaming Coin Club wood in this issue of Timber Talk, I thought it fitting to include this.



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Garry Braunwarth

(*Deceased)



Free Wood of the Month Courtesy of
***“My Wooden Nickel’s Worth”* by Lou Vesh**

The wooden nickel of the month for February 2011 marks my 80th birthday. No big cake with 80 candles (I'd probably need a fire permit for that), no fireworks, no popping a bottle of champagne. Just a quiet day of reflection and thankfulness that I've survived to "four score". Which brings us to the interesting use of that somewhat archaic term. It's surprising how many people do not know that a "score" is not just a goal in a hockey or soccer game, or a musical number in a play or movie, but that it also represents a specific period of time, namely twenty (20) years. Often, when giving out the wooden nickel shown below, I find it necessary to explain the meaning of the expression. But, hey, that's all part of the fun of the hobby of wooden money...enjoy!



More from **Lou Vesh**: Recent family health issues have somewhat subdued my wooden nickel output of late. Hopefully, the limitations of my arm use, due to a recent pacemaker installation, will be overcome, and I will soon be allowed full strength use of both my arms. Having thus explained the reason for stamping only one side of our 2010 Christmas wood (feeble excuse though it may seem), I'd like to point out that these woods, (shown below), with one side already printed with Christmas and New Year greetings in red, were procured some years ago from an old American friend, the late **Ted Wolverton**. I'm sure a lot of you readers knew **Ted**, as he was a member of several wooden money clubs and attended many wood shows in the past. To me, it's a kind of privilege to make his memory a part of our seasons greetings. Total issue quantity is 160.



Lou Vesh, 38mm round

Bob, a 80-year-old, extremely wealthy widower, showed up at the Country Club with a breathtakingly beautiful and very sexy 25 year-old blonde. She knocks everyone's socks off with her youthful sex appeal and charm and hangs over Bob's arm and listens intently to his every word. His buddies at the club were all aghast. At the very first chance, they cornered him and asked, "Bob, how'd you get the trophy girlfriend?" Bob replied, "Girlfriend? She's my wife!"

They're knocked over, but continued to ask. "So, how'd you persuade her to marry you?"

"I lied about my age", Bob replied.

"What, did you tell her - that you were only 50?"

Bob smiled and said, "No, I told her I was 95."



◀ Souvenir Ukrainian 2 x 1-1/2 inch Wooden FRIDGE Magnet "I Love

Christmas—Happy New Year Woods

(note the Jan. 2011 TT already featured Judy Blackman's and Ross Kingdon's woods)

Belsten maple wood, 100 made



Dave Gillespie, 20 made, 65mm round, blue



Wayne A. Gillcash (New Brunswick) has also been issuing a Christmas wood for many years, as well, and is also a long time member of CAWMC. **Wayne's** wood has His Name and 5 cents (red) on one side which is hot-stamped and the Deer (black) on the other, done with what appears to be a rubber stamp.



Russell Brown maple wood, 100 made



Robert Brown, 50x90mm
U.S. wood, 100 made



CAWMC member **Don Thibodeau** is from Omaha, Nebraska and has been putting out a round Christmas wood for many many years. **Don** is an original CHARTER CAWMC member with number C26 and is one of the few Charter members left with CAWMC. His round wood has His Name on one side and Carollers on the other. It is red both sides and appears to be rubber stamped both



Peter Becker has ONA-WCS 2009 Convention reverse only woods left over at Canada Wide Woods, so he had CWW put a Christmas message on the obverse and make 50 of them. However CWW asked if they could make extra for their annual CWW Subscription Series so we are not sure of the final quantity made. They're maple 38mm round woods.



Bill Cousins



Ross Kingdon

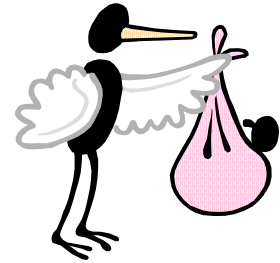
5907-007, Scarborough, Ontario
Howard & Sally
Richardson Christmas
1983
38mm round, qty 125



5924-010B, Waterloo, Ontario
Totaleisure Ltd.
Green Leaf 1981
38mm round, qty 250



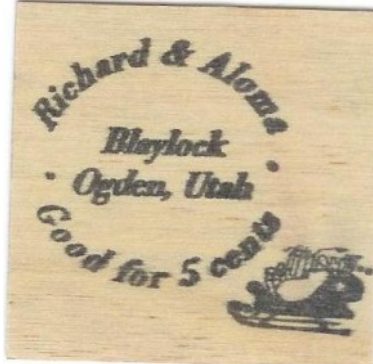
Congratulations Laura and David Smith-Rivers on the birth of your daughter Zoey Marie Lee



Zoey's Birth,
100 made, 38mm red round

Introducing Norm' Belsten's Great-Grand-Daughter

Richard and Aloma Blaylock from Ogden, Utah have also been members of CAWMC for many years and have issued many woods for Christmas and for shows they attend here in Canada such as the RCNA convention. Their 2010 wood here is on a light birch coloured 2 inch by 2 inch wood, appears to be rubber stamped both sides and is black both sides.



Blaylocks 45mm square (U.S. Wood)

Calgary Wedding Anniversary Woods submitted by John Regitko

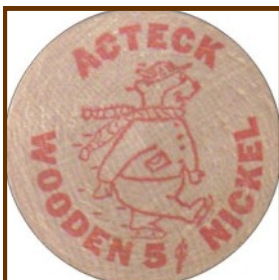
Donald D. Paterson was asked by Calgary coin collector **Mark Mogan** to design a 25th wedding anniversary wooden nickel for his girlfriend's parents, **Delores & Edgar Massey**, who were also friends of Mark's parents. Paterson promptly complied and produced both the obverse and the reverse designs which were struck in a quantity of 500 pieces. The obverse shows the *Central United Church of Calgary* (which cornerstone reads May 13 A.D. 1904 Central Methodist Church), the church where the wedding had taken place 25 years earlier. Six months later, a second wooden nickel of the same Paterson-design was issued to commemorate Mark Mogan's parents' *Silver Wedding Anniversary*. A quantity of 1,000 pieces were manufactured. Again, the *Central United Church* was depicted on the obverse, because the wedding ceremony had also taken place there. Don Paterson's initials do not appear on either side.



These are pictures of the 43 woods in Part 2 of the Lake Superior Lighthouse woods issued by the Penn/ Ohio Wooden Money Collector's Club. Most of this Part 2 has Canadian Lighthouses. (from **Ross Kingdon**)

Temiskaming Coin Club 1972 Carnival

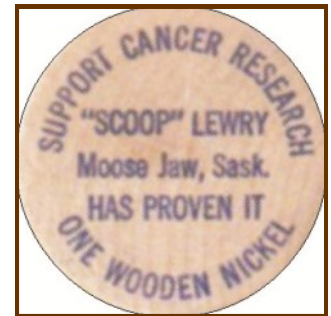
Temiskaming Coin Club Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival Mary 10, 11, 12, 1972 "Face 5 cent value" on one side, Acteck Wooden 5 cent nickel" and a man walking on the other side. Cat.#5480-002 Kirkland Lake, Temiskaming Coin Club 1972, Red/ Red, round 38mm (qty unknown but the club issued 9000 of their 1971 wood).





Wooden Nickel Cancer Research Scoop Lewry John Brennan

Obverse says **CANCER CAN BE BEATEN JOHN M BRENNAN OTTAWA, ONT HAS PROVEN IT ONE WOODEN NICKEL**. Reverse says **SUPPORT CANCER RESEARCH ``SCOOP`` LEWRY MOOSE JAW SASK HAS PROVEN IT ONE WOODEN NICKEL**. There are many "FIGHT CANCER" woods in Norm's cat. for J. Brennan, but I could not find on for "Cancer Can Be Beaten" "John M. Brennan...has proven it" re Scoop Lewry. But it might be 5675-021 Ottawa, Ont, J Brennan / Scoop Lewry, 1979, B/B, round 38mm, qty 1000. There are also many Scoop Lewry woods in the catalogue covering many cities in Canada and U.S. for various conventions, shows and causes.



Louis Harrington "Scoop" Lewry (C.M.) lived April 16, 1919-February 25, 1992 (age 72). He was a Canadian politician and reporter. Born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Scoop was elected as an alderman on the Moose Jaw city council in 1948. Lewry later became mayor of the city in 1950 and served in this role until 1956, later 1965-1970, then after that 1983-1988. Scoop was married to Jean Lewry (nee Munroe), and had five children: Philip (Doreen Ludke), Catherine (Robert Patterson), Janet, Harold, and Mary (Roger Rothwell). Scoop had 13 grandchildren and 7 great grand-children. In 1957, Scoop ran and won in a close race for the position of Member of Parliament for Moose Jaw - Lake Centre as a Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) candidate, replacing the incumbent W. Ross Thatcher. He ran again in 1958, losing widely to J. Ernest Pascoe in the Diefenbaker landslide. Pascoe was the same Conservative candidate he had defeated a year earlier. In 1980, Scoop was made a Member of the Order of Canada. The Member of the Order of Canada recognizes a lifetime of

distinguished service in or to a particular community, group or field of activity. The insignia of the Order is a stylized snowflake of six points, with a red annulus at its centre which bears a stylized maple leaf circumscribed with the motto of the Order, *DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM* (They desire a better country), surmounted by St. Edward's Crown. The medal has silver edging, silver annulus lettering, and silver maple leaf centre.



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5 sun 10 step Japanese Puzzle Money Box

"Himitsu-Bako (Personal Secret Box)" is a traditional Japanese puzzle box that was designed over 100 years ago in the Hakone region of Japan that is noted for its great variety of trees. This puzzle box requires 10 steps to open. Size: 6 x 4 x 2.4 inches; Weight: 280g; Note: Yosegi pattern(Koyosegi) is different by each box. This box has a particularly excellent finish ,and signed with craftsmen's distinctive "hanko" mark.



1960's Retirement

Wooden Desk Plaque

"Twice Husband..Half

Money"



Chinese Hand-carved Painted Wooden Money God Statue

February is Chinese New Year, so let take a look at a hand-carved, hand-painted wooden money God statue. This may actually be the "Chinese God of Money". Item age: 1900~1940s; height: 24 cm / 9.4 inches; width: 10 cm / 3.9 inches; depth: 9 cm / 3.5 inches; and weight: 300g. / 0.7 lbs.



1932 photo Western community uses wooden money

Description: 1932 photo Western community uses wooden money as banks fail / photo by Underwood and Underwood. Senator Clarence C. Dill of Washington state, in his Washington, D.C. office, examining one of the wooden dollars used by town of Tenino, Washington. Size: Approximately 8x10 inches. (20.3cm x 25.4cm).

